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TO USINT ALGIERS

INFO USMISSION GENEVA

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TAGS: TPHY:AG

SUBJ: WEATHER MODIFICATION

REF: ALGIERS 806

GENEVA FOR WMO

1. IN RESPONDING TO ALGERIAN NOTE, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS  
USINT ANSWER GOA REQUEST FOR WEATHER MODIFICATION ASSISTANCE  
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

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2. THE USG IS MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE SERIOUS AND PERSIS-

TENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS THAT HAVE AFFLICTED MUCH OF AFRICA IN RECENT YEARS.

3. THE US BELIEVES THAT METEOROLOGICAL AND CLIMATOLOGICAL STUDIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO ANY BASIC APPROACH TO THE DROUGHT PROBLEM. BUT IN VIEW OF THE PERSISTENT CHARACTER OF THE

DROUGHT IN THE MONSOON BELT OF AFRICA, THE USG IS NOT HOPEFUL THAT WEATHER MODIFICATION WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN ALLEVIATING DISTRESS. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND A METEOROLOGICAL CONSULTANT TO ALGERIA TO SURVEY THE GENERAL CLIMATOLOGICAL CONDITIONS IF THE GOA IS PREPARED TO PAY HIS TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT A FORMER US WEATHER SERVICE METEOROLOGIST WILL SOON BE GOING TO ALGERIA UNDER WMO AUSPICES TO MAKE A SURVEY OF THE COUNTRY. END FYI.

4. THE USG WAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE WEATHER MODIFICATION PROGRAM CONDUCTED LAST SEPTEMBER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER. THE USG MADE A CONSULTANT AVAILABLE TO THE GON, BUT HE MADE NO RECOMMENDATION THAT A CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM BE UNDERTAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE DROUGHT. THE GON HIRED AND PAID WITH ITS OWN FUNDS A PRIVATE US CONSULTANT AND A PRIVATE METEOROLOGICAL COMPANY TO CONDUCT THIS PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH GON BELIEVES THIS PROGRAM WAS SUCCESSFUL, USG HAS NO WAY OF EVALUATING RESULTS.

5. AS A GENERAL APPROACH A CONDITION FOR USG PARTICIPATION IN ANY WEATHER MODIFICATION PROJECT, IF PRELIMINARY STUDIES SHOULD INDICATE THERE ARE POTENTIAL BENEFITS WITH EXPLORING, IS THAT IT BE CONDUCTED NOT ON INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL, BUT ON REGIONAL BASIS THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SUCH AS THE WMO.

6. ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORT FROM GENEVA, WMO IS CONSIDERING SENDING DIRECTOR OF ALGERIAN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE TO US UNDER UNDP GRANT. NOAA WOULD BE GLAD TO ARRANGE SUITABLE PROGRAM IF HE SHOULD COME. RUSH

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